Proposal to scrab Indo-US Defence Agreement

551. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to scrap the Indo-US Defence Agreement; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Government of India have not signed any Defence Agreement with the Government of the USA. Therefore, the Question of its scrapping does not arise. However, it is clarified that during the visit of US Defence Secretary, MC. William J. Perry to India in January, 1995 an 'Agreed Minute' on Defence Relations between India and the USA was signed. This is in line with Government's stand that steps towards improvement of our bilateral defence relations with the US, will be taken in a manner consistant with our national interest. It is not proposed to cancel this Agreed Minute.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply to U.Q. 2476 answered on 25th August, 199S regarding the Delhi Rent Bill

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th August, 1995, to Unstarred Question No. 2476 regarding the Delhi Rent Bill.

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notification of Veterinary Council of India

II. Notification of Ministry of Agriculture

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Madam, I lay on the Table:

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Veterinary Council of India, Notification No. 12-2194-VCI/17092, dated the 29th August, 1995, publishing the Veterinary Council of India (Election of the President and Vice-President) Regulations, 1995, under sub-section (3) of Section 66 of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-8178/195]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Notification S.O. No. 827(E), dated the. 4th October, 1995, regarding the supplies of fertilizers to be made by domestic manufacturers of fertilizers to various States, Union Territories/ Commodity Board during the period 1st October, 1995 to 31st March, 1996 (Rabi 1995-96 Session), under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Placed Library. *See* No. LT-8177/95]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): Madam, Report and accounts of various Educational and Cultural Institutes. I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts